

nothing relating to the original William Flanagan marrying or buying or selling property. This indicates to me that he either died or moved elsewhere.”

“The possibility of two sets of Patrick and William Flanagans being located here (Princess Anne County, Virginia) and a short distance away in Bath, North Carolina, is rather remote, especially at that point in our country’s history. Documents in this area of Virginia show countless individuals moving back and forth and buying property in both Princess Anne County and in North Carolina. In addition, Patrick’s property was located at the very top of Albemarle Sound (now Back Bay in Virginia) and Pamlico Sound, which are all hooked together. An easy boat trip.”

The book, A HISTORY OF COLONIAL BATH, Paschal, at p. 32 says:

“Many lesser figures found their way to Bath (1716) – bricklayers, coopers, planters, carpenters, innkeepers, and public officials, from public registers to collectors of His Majesty’s customs. They came from the old settlements in Albemarle County, from Virginia, from Maryland, from Pennsylvania, from New York and old England, and surely Patrick Flannikin who acquired Lot No. 71 in 1717 must have called the green hills of Ireland home.”

It seems reasonable, therefore, that the Patrick and William shown as lot owners in Bath in 1717 went from Virginia to Bath and each acquired a lot. This being so, William must have stayed in Bath (Beaufort County) and Patrick returned to Virginia, married his wife, Mary, and had a son William the younger. The Bath lot owner, William, was 33 years old in 1717.

It should be noted that on the Plat of BATH TOWN (1717) Lots #32 and 32F are owned by E. Moseley. Could this be the same Edward Moseley who “proffered” William Flanagan to the court in Virginia in 1697/8? Was William still an indentured servant? Probably not. The usual time for a child as an indentured servant for payment of passage was 6 – 7 years.⁴

A documented link between Wm. Flannikin (BATH TOWN 1717) and the generation (or generations) of the next documented ancestor is missing.

The following information is available in Washington, North Carolina at the Beaufort County Courthouse, and the Brown Library:

⁴ See footnote 3, p. 7.